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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington D.C. 20231
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Attention: Examiner David J. Steadman, Art Unit 1652

Dear Sir:

Re: United States Patent Application No. 09/402,488
Filed: February 16, 2000
Title: Method For Cleavage of Fusion Proteins
Inventors: Maurice Moloney, Joenel Alcantara and Gijs van Rooijen

The present letter is further to the draft Examiner's Amendment that you forwarded on February 26, 2003.

We enclose a revised set of claims which we believe illustrates the amendments that you wish to make to the claims. We confirm that we agree to the amendments as indicated in the attached claims. For ease of referral, we are also enclosing a marked-up set of claims that illustrates the recent amendments.

In view of the foregoing, we submit that the application is now in order for allowance and we look forward to receipt of the Notice of Allowance at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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